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We believe that we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought in the patent application entitled:

**SUPERABSORBENT AND NONWOVEN COMPOSITES FOR PERSONAL CARE PRODUCTS**

the specification of which is attached.

We hereby state that each of us has reviewed and understands the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims and any accompanying drawings as amended by any amendment specifically referred to in the oath or declaration.

We acknowledge our duty to disclose all information which is material to the patentability of this application as defined by 37, C.F.R. 1.56.

We hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. section 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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